Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee

Successes and key priorities for Children, Families and Learners

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WHAT ARE YOUR SUCCESSES OF THE PAST 12 MONTHS?

- Community and Adult Learning (CALAT) rated Good by Ofsted in October 2016.
- Improving Attainment & creation of School Places
- Launch of All Age Disability Service
- Local Government Chronicle Awards April 2016
- Croydon's Youth Zone LEGACY
- Support for Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children (UASC)
- Croydon CCG Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) project
- Love Lane the Croydon Play street won Play street of the year in a London wide competition
- Croydon Council has been awarded the Timewise accreditation for flexible working





Children and Families Plan 2016-17:

"Our children and young people will be safe, healthy, enjoy learning and achieve highly, enabling them to positively shape their own lives and to make a positive contribution.

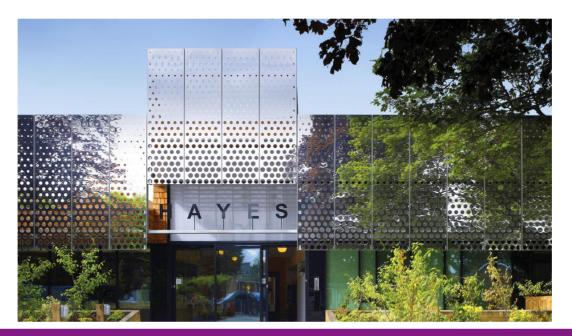
Our children and families will experience us as walking alongside them with compassion and understanding, to help them grow in resilience and

independence."





- Children's Social Care:
 - Practice improvement, workforce development & managing demand
- Schools:
 - Every School a School of Choice & sufficient supply
- Youth and aspiration:
 - CSE & Missing, mentoring & employment support & youth engagement





- Put every child, young person and their family at the heart of all we do and build resilience in children and young people.
- Focus on preventing problems from occurring in the first place and intervening earlier to stop them from escalating.
- Continually improve local services, learn from others and develop innovative ways of working.
- Working together with local partners to improve outcomes for children.
- Ensure the views of children and young people are heard and their participation in decision making is supported.



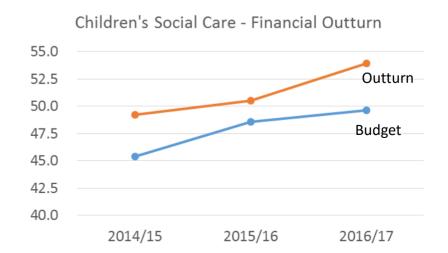


What pressures does your portfolio face (including financial)?

Children's Social Care (excluding 0-25 Service)

General Fund	14/15	15/16	16/17
Budget	£45.40m	£48.56m	£49.63m
Outturn	£49.23m	£50.52m	£53.94m
Overspend	£3.83m	£1.96m	£4.31m
			Q3 forecast

2016/17 – Key Pressures



f2.6m – external Service Areas with Q3 Forecast placements 80% increase in **Budget Pressures Overspend** contact & assessment Looked After Children f2.54m cases (additional staff requirements) Children in Need £2.04m Court referrals driving £0.50m Directorate increased legal costs Increase in volume of £0.36m Safeguarding safeguarding conferences

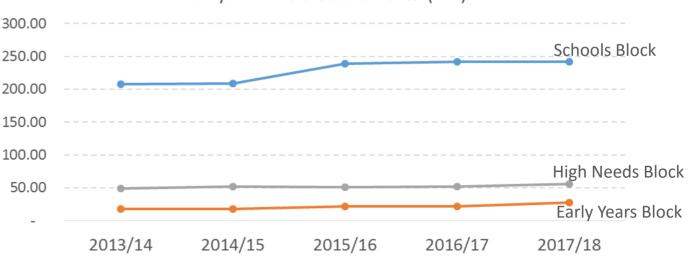


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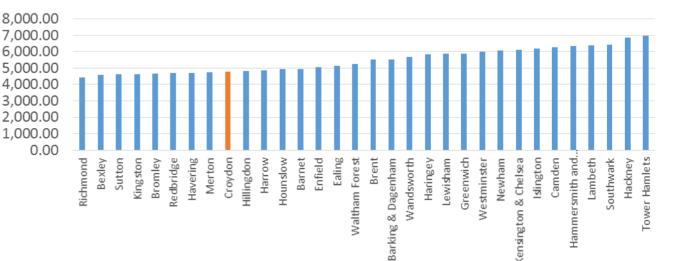
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Schools Funding

- Funding for Schools is distributed via the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG), which is split into 3 main elements (see right).
- A new National Funding Formula is due to be in place for 2018/19, and is at the 2nd stage of consultation.
- Croydon is 24th out of 32 in terms of its schools block funding per pupil.
- Population pressures remain a pressure, specifically the impact of deprivation and immigration



2017/18 – Schools Block DSG funding per pupil (£)



LB Croydon - DSG Settlements (£m)